

# Foggy Bottom News



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## Post Commentator to Speak June 28

Note: Meeting Scheduled for West End Library

Colbert King, columnist for The Washington Post, is the featured speaker for the June 28 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. All residents are invited to attend.

The presentation by King, who was born in Foggy Bottom,

(see King on 3)



## BZA Grants Hospital Application

On May 19, the Board of Zoning Adjustment granted the application of The George Washington University and District Hospital Partners to build a new hospital on the site just north of the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. The vote was 3-1, with Board Member Betty King casting the opposing vote.

The BZA also approved the university's application to build a new parking garage at 22nd and I Streets to partially replace the parking lot spaces on the site of the new building. Construction of the garage has already begun; the BZA indicated that hospital construction could not begin until the garage was ready.

The hearing was brief; the Board had discussed the decision in private. Board member King moved that the application be denied, based on the fact that it "is ludicrous to think that the project will not have a disastrous effect on the area." Her motion was not seconded. During the discussion following the motion to approve, there were indications that there will be conditions delineated in the order. At a later hearing the Board declined to discuss them in public.

(see Hospital on 7)



ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS  
MAYOR

### FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION DAY

JUNE 19, 1999

BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### A PROCLAMATION

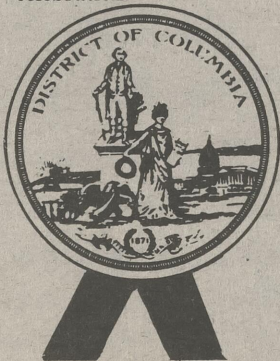
WHEREAS, the Foggy Bottom Association, a neighborhood civic organization, was founded to enhance and protect the residential quality of the area and keep residents informed on matters affecting the Foggy Bottom community; and

WHEREAS, the association was incorporated on June 19, 1959, as the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association, and later changed to the Foggy Bottom Association; and

WHEREAS, this association represents the residents of the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood of Washington, D.C., and was instrumental in turning a neglected turn-of-the-century area into the charming community it is today; and

WHEREAS, the Foggy Bottom community is an unusual mixture of homes, apartment dwellings, churches, hotels, restaurants, small businesses, and large institutions, such as the State Department, the Kennedy Center and the George Washington University;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim June 19, 1999, as "FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION DAY" in Washington, D.C., and call upon the residents of this great city to join me in observing this 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary celebration.



*Anthony A. Williams*

Anthony A. Williams  
Mayor  
District of Columbia

### FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Speaker:

Colbert King

Commentator and Columnist

*The Washington Post*

Monday, June 28, 1999

West End Library (note new location)

24th & L Street, N.W.

7:30 PM

(Presented by the 40th Anniversary Committee)

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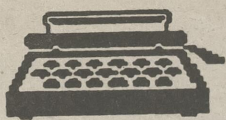
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#### See You in the Fall

Watch for coverage and photos of 40th Anniversary events in the next issue, due in late September. And be sure to visit the West End Library to see a very special exhibit on our neighborhood.





## Mike White's "Boss" Replies

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Brewster's letter commend-  
ing White's service.)*



## Happenings

### Big Book Sale at West End Library

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### Flea Market at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold its Flea Market on Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, at the church located at 728 23rd Street. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the proceeds will go to provide food for HIV/AIDS patients.

St. Mary's staffer Lorenzo Smith advises that donations are welcome, and can be dropped off at the church any day between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All kinds of items are welcome, including clothing and especially "saleable" material. Donations of money and non-perishable food for the food bank are also most welcome, as well as volunteers to sort, price and assist customers. Call Lorenzo at 333-3985 (10-2) to volunteer or if you need items picked up.

Don't forget - July 16-17: Good Bargains for a Good Cause!

### Kay Photos at Phillips

If and most probably when you visit the Phillips Gallery to view the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibition, be sure to stop by the Collection Museum Store. There you will find "A Southwest Trio," photographs by Mimi Kay, a resident of Watergate.

Kay's photographs are "in conjunction with the exhibition," which stays at the Dupont Circle area gallery until July 18. What an honor to be in "conjunction" with Georgia O'Keeffe's 'artistry! The gallery is at 1600 21st Street, and is open Tuesday-Saturday 10-5; Thursday, 10-8:30, and Sunday 12-7.

### Dade, Edelstein and Carter Win Awards

At the recent Second District awards ceremony, Officer Kenya Dade of PSA 207 was honored for excellence during the past year, as was Officer Timothy Carter of PSA 208. Detective Dave Edelstein, who is "assigned" to PSA 207 within the Office of Detectives, also received an award. Jack Batham, president of the West End Citizens Association, received a community award as well.

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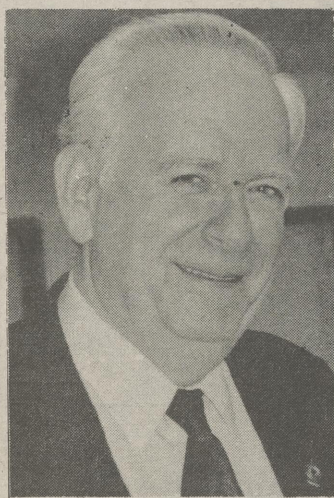
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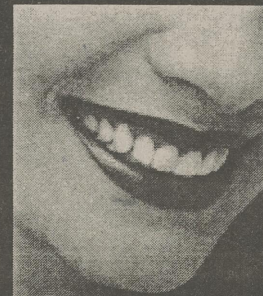
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# The Becker Beat



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## It's Been A Dreadful Two Weeks

The decision of the BZA on the GWU hospital, and the purchase by the university of the Howard Johnson, signaled a dreadful couple of weeks for the Foggy Bottom community. I have used the word "dreadful" often of late; it's accurate — we are full of dread over what GWU's actions in 1999 have visited upon us.

The BZA's decision on the hospital could not be a clearer example of a D. C. government agency ignoring its own rulings. One has only to read the GWU Campus Plan, to see how frustration and anger settle in the heads and hearts of Foggy Bottom residents. For instance, one section of the Campus Plan Order sets forth conditions under which the university is to operate:

"... Toward that end, and to

ensure a lack of adverse impacts upon other privately-owned properties in and around campus, the Board incorporates as a condition to its Order two policies.

These policies require University sensitivity when locating and designing future University structures. The Board further incorporates a condition requiring a showing of compliance with these policies with each subsequent University special exception application processed under the 1985 Plan. (From Paragraph 59b).

Can any observer believe three loading docks in 2-1/2 blocks, all facing or adjacent to non-university residences, show sensitivity? All three loading docks could have — and certainly should have — been built facing or adjacent to university property. Can the proposed hospital loading dock, with smelly garbage, medical waste and 18-wheelers, be sensitive to

our good neighbor Harold, the owner of a nice home 60 paces away?

## We Said "ON CAMPUS"!

And the new freshman dorm on Virginia Avenue was purchased, according to GWU's president, "in response to community sentiments that GW house more of its students in University facilities." Yes, the community has been asking again and again for additional student housing, but the community requested that GW house more of its students ON CAMPUS.

President Trachtenberg told the News: "The Foggy Bottom neighborhood is under a lot of pressure, and there are a few people in the community who relieve their anxieties by blaming George Washington University for everything that happens that

they don't like, in the manner of a Biblical scapegoat."

First, I question the "few." Many residents attended the hearings on the hospital and almost 100 wrote opposing it to the Mayor's office. Also, more than 30 residents responded, within just two weeks, to the appeal for funds to pay legal expenses.

In addition, it is difficult for us to recall "anxieties" other than those associated with

GWU, or to remember many major problems or things we don't like that did not result from a GWU proposal. Yes, other problems face us as committed city dwellers, but none looms as large as the travails caused by GWU's expansion, the unpleasantness of a disruptive student minority, and though I dislike the expression, a significant decrease in our "quality of life."

## (King from 1)

will cap the spring celebration of the FBA's 40th Anniversary.

A member of the Post editorial board since 1990, he comments on national, local and international topics and, more recognizably, writes a weekly by-lined column. His background includes diverse employers: U.S. Senate, U.S. Treasury, World Bank, Riggs Bank, PEPCO, HEW (now HHS), VISTA, State Department, and U. S. Army. During his Senate tenure, he participated in the drafting of home rule legislation and campaign finance and conflict of interest rules for the District of Columbia.

King attended Dunbar High School and received a degree in government from Howard University, pursuing graduate work there in public administration.

The change to the West End Library for the June meeting honors King and his mother (who may attend). The library is located where King's childhood home once stood.

Don't miss this special presentation. The details: Monday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m., West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N. W. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Student Association of  
GW congratulates the  
Foggy Bottom Association  
on its anniversary and its  
40 years of service to the  
community.



## News from 2D

### In May, 207 Up A Little, 208 Down A Little

Both PSA 207 and 208 showed slight crime changes in May over April. In 207 there were 48 offenses (3 robberies, 6 burglaries, 10 thefts, 18 thefts from auto, 4 destruction of property, and 3 miscellaneous). In the latter group was a charge of fraud against a man who misrepresented himself as a neighbor to gain access to a home and "talk" the owners out of some funds. The total for 207 in April was 38 (1 robbery, 2 burglaries, 9 thefts, 16 thefts from auto, 2 stolen autos, 6 simple assaults and 2 destruction of property). What was unusual in April was that most of the thefts from auto were at residential Foggy Bottom sites, rather than the "tourist" area.

In PSA 208, there was 1 sex abuse, 4 robberies, 1 assault, 5 burglaries, 28 thefts, 13 thefts from auto, 5 stolen autos, 4 simple assaults, and 8 miscellaneous offenses, for a total of 69. April's 74 offenses included 3 robberies, 4



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assaults, 1 burglary, 29 thefts, 16 thefts from auto, 5 stolen autos, 7 simple assaults, and 8 miscellaneous.

## FBA in the 1980s

By Richard Churchill

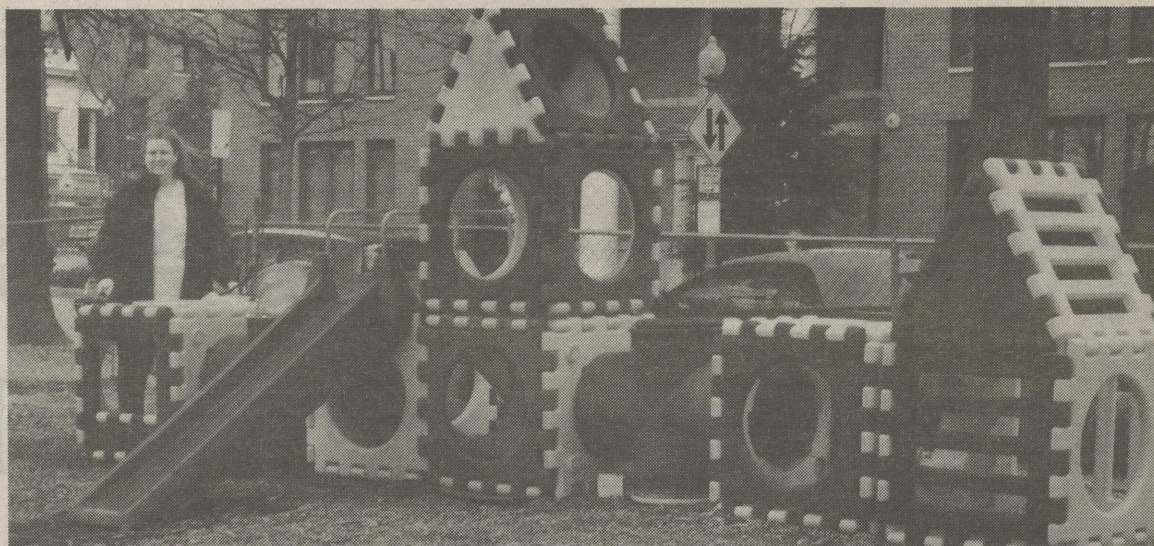
Walking down the streets of Foggy Bottom today, we see more traffic, more students, more doctors, more chanceries and more high-rise buildings. There also are some green and white signs that announce, in an understated way, that Foggy Bottom is an historic district.

This is the lasting legacy of what the Foggy Bottom Association, its allies and its friends accomplished in the 1980s. A symbiotic relationship between the FBA and the ANC brought to reality something of which the FBA's pioneering founders only dreamed. Yet even this great triumph was not without casualties. The most prominent was the hurried demolition of "Tammany Hall." This restaurant and bar on Pennsylvania Avenue was one of only six 18th-century structures left in the city and had once been the first building to house the U. S. Secretary of State.

There was also something new in Foggy Bottom at this time—babies. Usually expectant couples left the area to raise their families because of the cramped living quarters of the neighborhood. But in the 1980s, dozens of families chose to stay. They called themselves the "Soggy Bottom Babies" and soon their need for a kids' playground became a reality at 26th and K Streets. City Councilmember John Wilson later recalled that getting money from the District to help equip the playground was one of his proudest moments.

### Residential Land Turned to Commercial

Tempering these accomplishments was the helplessness of seeing residential land used for commercial purposes. Foggy Bottom boasted not one but two great hospitals: Columbia Hospital for Women and George Washington



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University Hospital. And Foggy Bottom felt proud that President Ronald Reagan recovered from his assassin's wound in 1982 at the latter hospital. The price of being home to these hospitals, however, was the largest concentration of doctors in the city. The demand for medical space exploded at this time and the FBA's efforts couldn't stop the exploitation of another zoning loophole that permitted medical clinics as a matter-of-right use for residential property. The most infamous confrontation occurred at Washington Circle with the development of the medical clinic building between 23rd and 24th Streets. Although the FBA helped save the historic facades and the developer went bankrupt, the clinic offices were built.

Another great neighborhood asset was the area north of Pennsylvania Avenue between New Hampshire Avenue and Georgetown. The "West End" was zoned CR, meaning that half the development was zoned residential. It began that way with Oliver Carr's "Westbridge" condominium at 26th and Pennsylvania Avenue where the old Sealtest Chestnut Farms Chevy Chase Dairy building once stood. However, it ended there too. Subsequent builders used the zoning loophole to create medical clinics and hotels instead of homes. By the end of the decade, the West End became an adjunct to the downtown K Street canyon corridor.

### Homelessness & City Indifference Impact FB

Even Foggy Bottom's low crime rate sometimes worked against the neighborhood. The police always stated that crime in the area occurred most frequently against property. There were auto and home break-ins, not crimes against people. That changed in 1985. These were times of growing homelessness and a great number of these lost souls gravitated to Foggy Bottom, first because it was the safest neighborhood in the city, and second because of the compassion of many neighbors who felt compelled to feed them. The streets began to fill with homeless men waiting for their meals in the day and sleeping at night on commercial heat grates or in neighborhood parks. The rape and then a murder of the homeless by the homeless sent a cold chill down this comfortable neighborhood's spine. Also alarming the neighborhood was the fact that this crime went unreported for nearly two months. More people began to believe Bob Alcorn from the FBA's Neighborhood Watch that the police regularly under-reported crime in the area.

However, the real crime in Foggy Bottom came from the city government's indifference to enforcing zoning regulations. One of many examples was the case of developer Eddie Lenkin. When his application to build a third-story addition to his townhouse at 26th and I Streets was denied, he built it anyway. The dilemma of the FBA was that he was probably the developer most sensitive to the neighborhood at the time. He could have built a hotel or medical



clinic at 26th & K Streets, but chose to build the Griffin condominium instead. Other developers, especially George Washington University, callously continued to convert residential property for their own purposes. The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment never, never prosecuted a single zoning violator except consumer activist Ralph Nader, for the office use of his home on Capitol Hill.

In a lighter vein, if Foggy Bottom was home to one of our nation's cultural crown jewels, the Kennedy Center, the neighborhood had its foil at the park land at 27th and K Streets. For over a year, a "temporary" 35-foot sculpture made of discarded appliances, shaped like its name, "The Whirlwind," gave new meaning to sight pollution. It even made the abandoned rampways of the area look beautiful.

The running battle with traffic, especially tour buses, literally became a nightmare with tourist deliveries being made even at midnight. ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler was probably most responsible for the establishment and enforcement of these bans on buses. Without FBA support and her tireless harassment of officials, the evening smells and sounds would be quite different today.

The 1980s was also a time of recognition for six great members of our community. Mary Healy organized and Columbia Hospital hosted the first ever Foggy Bottom Awards, which honored the long-standing contributions of: Ellie Becker, active with the FBNews since 1966; Al Cottrell, five times president of the FBA; Melvin Ogden, treasurer of the FBA and 30-year trustee of the Junior Citizens Corp.; Jimmy Molinelli, ANC Commissioner and West End Citizens Association president for many years; Robert Alcorn, organizer of the Neighborhood Watch and Friends of the West End Library; and lastly, City Councilmember John Wilson for "preserving the residential quality of the neighborhood."

## Diane Bell Wins Gleebooks Prize

I Street resident Diane Bell has won the 1999 Gleebooks Prize, the premier literary award of New South Wales in Australia. Her book, about the battle of a group of indigenous people to protect sacred lands, is titled "Ngarrindjeri Wurrurarrin: A World That Is, Was, and Will Be." One critic described it as "an outstanding book of cultural criticism, which brings together feminist anthropology, oral and archival history, political and legal narrative." Another called it "a compelling account that demands to be read;... a meticulous piece of scholarship but very readable and accessible."

Bell is currently Professor of Anthropology and Director of Women's Studies at GWU, and has also held an important post at Holy Cross College in Massachusetts. The award-winning book is her seventh, and she has published widely in journals of women's studies, anthropology, law, history, art and religion.

## FB Jazzercisers Fight Breast Cancer

Members of the Foggy Bottom Jazzercise class were among the exercisers at the MCI Center for the Jazzercise Marathon for Breast Cancer Research. More than 1000 from the D. C. area participated, and the event raised \$80,000 to fund research at Rush-Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center. Similar events are being held in 19 states, with a goal of raising \$3 million. As of press time, a total of \$1.1 million had been raised, with D. C.'s contribution being the largest so far. David Villano, the instructor in Foggy Bottom, says the D. C. area classes originated the project several years ago and it was adopted as a national event. The local class is held at Columbia Plaza on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:45 and on Saturday mornings at 9:30.

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## Painter Is Latest Con Job

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## HSW Seeks D. C.

### Childhood

### Reminiscences

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## FBA To Elect New Board on June 28

The annual election of officers and Executive Board members will take place at the Foggy Bottom meeting on June 28. Jim McLeod was Nominating Committee chair, and serving with him were Mary Brewster, Charlie Clapp, Marifran Langvardt, and Greg Scoma. They have announced the following candidates:

For Executive Board: new members would be Douglas Abbey and David Alexander; those who have served before are Catherine Braun, Russell Conlan, Olga Corey, and Michael Thomas.

Nominated as officers are Cathleen "Kate" Clinton for Membership Director, Rita Champagne for Treasurer, Lucille Molinelli for Secretary, Charles Farbstein for Vice President, and Ellie Becker for president.

Doug Abbey lives on 25th Street, served as vice president of the FB Historic District Conservancy, and has been a vocal presence in the GWU hospital matter.

David Alexander, an attorney-advisor with the Environmental Protection Agency, is

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a tenant leader at 2424 Pennsylvania and is interested in preserving FB streetscapes and cultural diversity.

Catherine Braun resides on 26th Street, has been on the FBA Board one year, and was president of and remains active in her condo association and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Russ Conlan has a home on I Street, served earlier on the Griffin's Board of Directors, and is an attorney with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Olga Corey has been on the Board since 1997 and is currently chair of the 40th Anniversary Committee. Experienced in political, semi-political and environmental matters, she is a freelance writer and communicator.

Michael Thomas owns a condo on M Street, and served as secretary and assisted with condo board legal matters. He earlier served as FBA vice president, and returns to the Board after a "sabbatical" at the London School of Economics. He is an attorney, and was an assemblyman in Juneau, Alaska prior to moving to D.C.

Kate Clinton lives at the Gibson on 23rd Street, with

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special interest in the impact of the 23rd & M project and traffic safety around Washington Circle. She is a fundraising consultant and held development positions for the Library of Congress and the Archdiocese of Washington. For several years she has delivered the *FBNews* to a large route near Washington Circle.

Rita Champagne lives in Columbia Plaza, and retired several years ago from the State Department. In addition to serving as FBA treasurer last year, she performs a host of volunteer activities and has special interests in preserving rental housing and in a cleaner FB.

Lucille Molinelli has been FBA secretary this past year, and has served the West End Citizens Association for many years as well. A resident of the 2100 block of F Street, she maintains interests in safety, especially for seniors, along with better streets, sidewalks and shopping facilities.

Charles Farbstein lives at the Claridge on 25th Street and is a member of its Board of Directors, as well as working on the Whitehurst Freeway committee. A recent activity has been on the GWU hospital proposal and on all aspects of GWU's campus plan.

Ellie Becker lives on I Street, and has served as president for several years, and as a Board member for some years as well. A major interest has been the *Foggy Bottom News*, which she has served as editor and distribution manager.

## FBA Legal Fund Up and Running

### Many More Donations Needed!

Following requests last month in this newspaper and the Georgetown Current, the FBA Legal Fund has been established and has received about 30 contributions, many very generous. Expenses have already been incurred, and more are anticipated, and your help is urgently needed.

Send your donation to: Foggy Bottom Association, c/o West End Library, 24th and L Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20037. The association has opened a separate bank account for the fund. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Thanks in advance for your help! And our thanks too for the messages of support which often accompanied the contributions, such as:

"In appreciation for all your efforts in behalf of FB members like myself," wrote Mary T. Chiavarini. "From a professional standpoint, it goes without saying that a hospital right at the exit of the Metro Station would deteriorate irreversibly an already extremely congested area. One must be blind not to see it," from Sergio Calejari, a resident and environmental engineer. And Victoria Olson wrote: "Thank you very much, Ms. Miller et al, for all your efforts on behalf of our neighborhood. Good luck to you and us all in this lopsided fight."

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### What Happens Now?

Within an unspecified period of time, the BZA will issue its Order. It will then be up to the parties (ANC, FBA, etc.) to file for reconsideration or other types of appeal. In the meantime, Dorothy Miller's appeal of the State Health Planning and Development Agency's decision goes forward, with a ruling not expected until the fall. A group of residents is meeting during June with the Mayor, who has also invited representatives of the hospital and the Red Cross.

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### Corrections and Apologies

For some super gremlins who invaded the June issue, our apologies to Caroline Coates for listing the wrong phone number – not helpful if you are in the real estate business! And to our good friend

Marilyn Rubin of Encore; her tours for the month of June were replaced by those for May – not too helpful for sure. And there were some errors too in Dr. Bob Pajoochi's ad. It was not a good month for the News' accuracy. Sorry.

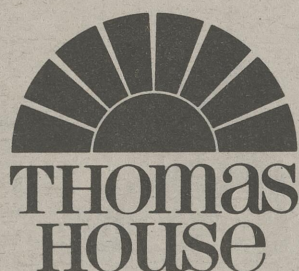
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## HoJo's To Be Freshman Dorm

On May 28, the official announcement was made that George Washington University had purchased the Premier Hotel (formerly the Howard Johnson) and plans to use it as a freshman dormitory beginning in August. According to the release, the building contains 194 units, parking, and restaurant space will which provide student food service.

The purchase price was reported to be \$19 million, and the only renovations will involve Internet connections and extra phone lines. The university stated that it "will now house about 4100 students in its own residence facilities" in Foggy Bottom and at the Mount Vernon College campus.

President Trachtenberg stated that the purchase was made to respond "to community sentiments that GW house more of its students in University facilities." Many in the neighborhood recall that he must not have heard that the community wanted him to house more students ON CAMPUS.

The residents of Watergate West have requested a meeting with Trachtenberg to discuss the proposed dorm, which will be directly across Virginia Avenue from their building.

## Students Question Wisdom of Dorm

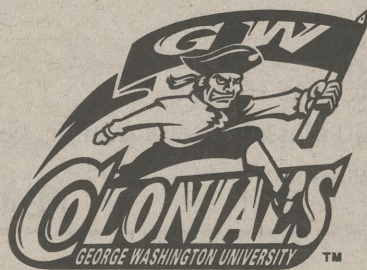
The decision to house almost 400 freshmen in the hotel raised questions from the students and prompted an editorial in The GW Hatchet. The newspaper's editorial writer noted its distance from the campus, and its possible lack of campus feeling for its residents. The size of the incoming freshman class raises fears of larger class sizes, and the paper quoted a former Student Association vice president's statement that when too many students are added, "You just become a number instead of a name." The editorial also commented that "the individual needs of students may start getting lost in the shuffle if the University continues to grow without planning ahead." It called the hotel purchase a "bandage to put on the wound of population shifts," and asked GWU to curb the enrollment increase or "take more measures to accommodate it."

## Purchases Outside the Campus Increase

In the same issue there was an announcement of the purchase of yet another piece of property outside the campus boundaries, a building in the 1900 block of F Street. The Association of Life Underwriters building is next to two townhouses being converted into the University Club. This joins a long list of recent purchases, including houses (now torn down) in the 2300 block of G Street, the 800 block of 23rd Street, and the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue.

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### We Give Thanks

Any organization like the FBA owes its existence and effectiveness to a long list of people who lead and help in many different ways. We are no exception, and it is a pleasure to try to thank everyone who helped. Please, please, forgive if someone is missed!

From the editor: thanks to **Steve Timlin** who served most of the year as ad manager, and to **Olga Corey** for stepping up to the plate to take over that job. To our "regular" contributors: **John Graves, Jim Patterson, Kate McLeod, and Rennie Melonson** who provided input and articles of interest.

Thanks are also due to **John Graves** for his photographs as well, and for his turns at counting and bundling the papers for distribution. **Joan Robinson** got her FBNews start at that chore, and now has taken on the billing for the ads.

Then we had to get the paper around, and lots of folks had a hand in that. First was **Ilona Melstrads**, who each month provided a great list and labels for each of the 60+ stops. Those who "took to the streets" after that were **Janet Axtell, Gail Raywid, Sandra Vonetes, Laetitia**

**Combrinck, Kate Clinton, Karen Hamrick, Anne Charles, Patrick Cody, Don Tobey, Mary Brewster, Darrell Rumsey and Mel Maeda, Paul O'Leary, Tom Bower and Rich Pollin, Paul Sakwa, Nori Uchida, Ann Mikulik and Jennie Lazowski.** Helping often or occasionally with the bulk delivery was **Michelle Jean-Jacques, Jeff Marootian, and Jim McLeod.**

St. Mary's Court served as the site for Executive Board meetings and for having the newspaper delivered and sorted there. Thanks to **Bea Watson** and those who manned the desk as we came and went.

And most special thanks to all those who advertised during the year, keeping the paper informative and solvent!

Many have been helpful to the entire FBA: **Barbara Kubinski** and the **West End Library** staff for their support and for maintaining our mailbox; to the **Wyndham Bristol Hotel**, the site of our monthly meetings, to all the **Metropolitan Police** representatives who appeared and informed and listened. And to **Ralph Braun** for working on our membership records, **Pat Patterson** for producing the

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Foggy Bottom Guide, and **Bob Charles** for setting up the "Points of Contacts" system to spread the FBA word. Special thank go this year to **Olga Corey** and all who helped her with the 40th Anniversary plans. Olga sends special thanks to the **Historical Society of Washington, D.C., the West End Library, the Arts Club of Washington, the Washingtonian Division of the D.C. Public Library, Watergate Gallery and Frame Design, the Kennedy Center** for their sponsorship of Anniversary activities. What a great set of events came from their hands, hearts and heads!

And the thanks of the entire membership goes to the Board: **Jim McLeod, Lucille Molinelli, Rita Champagne, Matt Hall, Catherine Braun, Russ Conlan, Olga Corey, Charles Farbstein, Katherine Hartman, and Richard Price.**

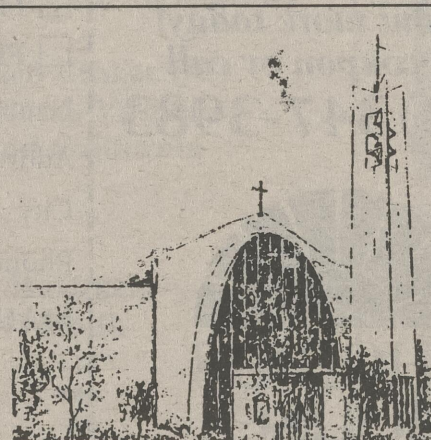


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